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 - a. The airfield, 6,600x5,000 feet, was located on the north-western border of MORSHANSK (41°48' E/53°27' N), immediately adjacent to railroad line to MOSCOW. The field was located in open terrain and had no runway; presumably there were no drainage facilities, since the field was constantly wet.
 - b. A headquarters building, a weather station, the flight control station, and a DF station were located at the south-western field border. The field had no hangar. The airfield personnel was quartered in town near the railroad station. The field was equipped with obstacle lights, and searchlights were also in operation. A fuel dump of nine containers (12 feet long and 4.5 feet in diameter) was located on the other side of the railroad line, about 40 feet from the track.
- cIL-2s and biplanes were stationed at the airfield. According to Soviet building workers, the 5th and 6th Esquadrilla (with aircraft) and the 2d and 3rd Esquadrilla (without aircraft) were stationed at the field.
2. Comment:
 - a. The data on the size, location and condition of the airfield is considered credible. According to previous records, a civil auxiliary airfield was located near MORSHANSK.
 - b. Since the IL-2 was well known to German soldiers, the information on the presence of IL-2 ground attack aircraft is also considered correct. The remark concerning the presence there of some esquadillas without aircraft would indicate that a ground attack regiment is being activated or is being equipped with a new type of aircraft, possibly the IL-10.

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